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1. SUMMARY: RUNOFF ELECTIONS FOR GOVERNORS, VICE- GOVERNORS AND NATIONAL SENATORS ARE BEING HELD APRIL 15 IN 14 PROVINCES AND THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. CAMPAIGNING HAS BEEN SUBDUED AND THE ELECTIONS, WHICH WILL PROBABLY PUT THE ICING ON THE FREJULI CAKE, ARE BEING RECEIVED AS AN ANTI- CLIMAX. ONLY THE CLOSE RACES IN CORDOBA AND SANTA FE SEEM TO HOLD ANY REAL PUBLIC INTEREST; IN THE SENATE THE FREJULI IS EXPECTED TO OBTAIN A WIDE MAJORITY. END SUMMARY.

2. RUNOFF ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, APRIL 15, IN 15 ELECTORAL DISTRICTS (14 PROVINCES AND THE FEDERAL CAPITAL). THOSE DISTRICTS ELECTING BOTH GOVERNORS AND NATIONAL SENATORS ARE: CORDOBA, CORRIENTES, CHUBUT, ENTRE RIOS, FORMOSA, LA PAMPA, MENDOZA, MISIONES, SAN JUAN, SAN LUIS, AND SANTA FE. THOSE DISTRICTS ELECTING ONLY SENATORS ARE: CAPITAL FEDERAL, RIO NEGRO AND SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO. NEUQUEN WILL BE ELECTING ONLY THE GOVERNOR. A CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEM CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF THE GOVERNOR IN SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO MAY BE DECIDED SHORTLY BY THE SUPREME COURT, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A RUNOFF ELECTION FOR GOVERNOR IN THAT PROVINCE WILL BE NECESSARY.

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3. THE SAME SITUATION OBTAINS FOR THE RUNOFFS AS FOR THE MARCH 11 ELECTIONS: VOTING IS COMPULSORY, NO POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS OR GATHERINGS ARE PERMITTED PRECEDING AND DURING THE ELECTION, THE SAME ELECTION OFFICIALS WILL PRESIDE AT THE VOTING BOOTHS, AND THE POLLING STATIONS WILL BE GUARDED BY MILITARY AND POLICE MEMBERS OF THE ELECTORAL COMMAND. BLANK VOTES WILL NOT BE COUNTED. VOTING WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM 8 A. M. TO 6 P. M. ON SUNDAY.

4. A BREAKDOWN OF THE RUNOFF ELECTIONS IN EACH DISTRICT FOLLOWS:

FEDERAL CAPITAL (SENATORS): FREJULI VS UCR
CORDOBA (SEN AND GOV): FREJULI VS UCR
CORRIENTES (SEN AND GOV): FREJULI VS PACTO AUTONOMISTA LIBERAL (ARF)
CHUBUT (SENATOR): JUSTICIALISTA VS UCR
CHUBUT (GOVERNOR): JUSTICIALISTA VS PARTIDO ACCION CHUBUTENSE
(INDEPENDENT)
ENTRE RIOS (SEN AND GOV): FREJULI VS UCR
FORMOSA (SEN AND GOV): JUSTICIALISTA VS UCR
LA PAMPA (SEN AND GOV) : FREJULI VS MOV FEDERAL PAMPEANO (APF)
MENDOZA (SEN AND GOV): FREJULI VS PARTIDO DEMOCRATA (ARF)
MISSIONES (SEN AND GOV): FREJULI VS UCR
NEUQUEN (GOVERNOR): FREJULI VS MOV POPULAR NEUQUINO (INDEPENDENT)
RIO NEGRO (SENATOR) : JUSTICIALISTA VS UCR
SAN JUAN (SEN AND GOV): FREJULI VS BLOQUISTA (ARF)
SAN LUIS (SEN AND GOV): JUSTICIALISTA VS MOV POPULAR PROVINCIAL (ARF)
SANTA FE (SEN AND GOV): MID (FREJULI) VS APF
SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO (SEN AND POSSIBLY GOV): FREJULI VS MID#
MID CANDIDATES ARE ACTUALLY THOSE APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE FREJULI. IN THIS PROVINCE THE COURTS ALLOWED THE DISSIDENT PERONISTS TO USE THE FREJULI TITLE.

5. CAMPAIGNING, WHICH DRAWS TO A CLOSE ON THE 12 TH, HAS BEEN RELATIVELY SUBDUED IN COMPARISON WITH THE MARCH 11 ELECTIONS. PRESIDENT- ELECT CAMPORA MADE A SWING THROUGH THE RUNOFF PROVINCES DURING THE PAST WEEK TO DRUM UP SUPPORT FOR FREJULI CANDIDATES BUT SEEMS TO HAVE DRAWN MUCH MORE ATTENTION AND SUPPORT TO HIMSELF THAN TO THE CANDIDATES HE WAS ENDORSING. PERHAPS SIGNIFICANTLY, IT WAS ALFONSIN RATHER THAN BALBIN WHO DID MOST OF THE CAMPAIGN ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE UCR CANDIDATES. MANRIQUE STUMPED HEAVILY IN SANTA FE FOR THE APF GUBERNATORIAL AND SENATORIAL CANDIDATES THERE BUT LEFT ISMAEL AMIT BY HIMSELF IN LA PAMPA. EZEQUIEL MARITNEZ TOOK LITTLE PART ON BEHALF OF ARF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CANDIDATES.

6. IN SHORT, EXCEPT FOR MINOR PROCEDURAL CONTROVERSIES IN
NEUQUEN AND SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO, RELATIVELY LITTLE ATTENTION
HAS BEEN PAID TO THE RUNOFF ELECTION CAMPAIGNS OR TO THE COMING
ELECTION ITSELF. IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE MASSIVE PERONIST
VICTORY ON MARCH 11, FEW PEOPLE CAN BRING THEMSELVES TO A HIGH
PITCH OVER WHAT SHAPES UP AS A COMPARATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT RUN-
OFF ELECTION WHICH PROBABLY WILL ONLY PUT THE ICING ON THE
FREJULI CAKE. ONLY IN THE KEY DISTRICTS- THE PROVINCES OF
CORDOBA (WHERE THE RACE IS A TOSS UP) AND SANTA FE (WHERE
MID- READ FREJULI- CANDIDATE SILVESTRE BEGN
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